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BLANDFORD RURAL DISTRICT.
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL
OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR.....1962

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

G.B. Hopkins, M.B., Ch. B., B. Pharm. D.P.H.

holding appointments of:-

Senior Assistant County Medical Officer. } 5/11th of time.
School Medical Officer. }

Medical Officer of Health - Blandford Rural District. }
Medical Officer of Health - Borough of Blandford Forum. }
Medical Officer of Health - Wimborne and Cranborne R.D.C. } 6/11th of
Medical Officer of Health - Wimborne Minster Urban District. } time.

Blandford Rural District.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ day per week
Borough of Blandford Forum.....	$\frac{1}{4}$ day per week
Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District.....	$1\frac{1}{2}$ days per week
Wimborne Minster Urban District.....	$\frac{1}{3}$ day per week.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR with combined duties as Surveyor:-

G.S.C. Udall, M.R.S.H. F.A.P.H.I., A.F.S. (Eng.)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:-

M. Stockley, Cert. R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I

BLANDFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
1962.

CHAIRMAN: - C.D.C. Roos.

VICE-CHAIRMAN: - E.K. Hooper.

COUNCILLORS: -

Miss J.M. Bickers.

Brig. J.M. Hanmer DSO., OBE.

Miss A.G. Biddlecombe.

F.H.D. Mainwaring-Burton D.S.O.

J.F. Brown

Capt. F. Ratsey - R.N.

K.R. Browning.

Major G.T. Wright.

A.B.C. Davis.

Dr. R.M. Taylor.

J.G. Vincent.

Area Office,
Civic Centre,
Wimborne Minster.
Dorset.


Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my Annual Report for 1962.

The downward trend in the population revealed during the previous decade appears to have been reversed. Lung cancer deaths reached the highest figure yet, numbering six. A quarter of a million deaths from this cause can confidently be expected in the country during less than a decade, ^{and} ~~hence~~ the Council decided to join with the Town Council in promoting a concentrated effort to educate schoolchildren on the perils of smoking. This effort by the Central Council for Health Education will be made in November, 1963, and it is hoped that an organisation may develop among the children themselves to keep alive interest in this problem within the schools.

A brief review of the substantial provision made for the housing of elderly people is included in these pages.

I record my appreciation of the loyal co-operation of your inspectors, and the ready help from time to time of Mr. A.R. Richards, your Housing Manager



JULY, 1963

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres.....	61, 717
Population as estimated by Registrar General (mid-year).....	11, 360
Rateable value at 1st April, 1962.....	£99, 463
Product of penny rate at 1st April, 1962.....	£400
Estimated number of inhabited houses at 31st December, 1962.....	£2,945.

AS SUPPLIED BY THE REGISTRAR
GENERAL

LIVE BIRTHS.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Comparative Statistics.</u>		
				<u>Blandford Rural.</u>	<u>England & Wales.</u>	<u>Admin. County.</u>
Total registered....	180	96	84			
Legitimate.....	170	88	82			
Illegitimate.....	10	8	2			
Standardised rate.....				15.7	16.7.	15.8

STILLBIRTHS.

Total registered....	4	4	0
Legitimate.....	4	4	0

DEATHS

Total registered....	109	58	51			
Standardised rate.....				10.5	11.9	13.3

Comparability factors:-

Births..... 0.99
Deaths..... 1.08

SECTION A.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

This is situated at Dorchester and provides an excellent, readily available bacteriological service.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

This is run by the Dorset County Council and operates day and night from Castleman House, Blandford.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICE.

Dorset County Council provided an infant welfare centre once a fortnight in Blandford and work commenced on a central clinic which when completed will enable an expansion of services in connection with school health service, old people's welfare and mental welfare.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

This scheme continues to prove valuable and a local organiser now operates within the district.

SECTION B

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Pneumonia.....	11
Dysentery.....	2
Tuberculosis.....	2
Erysipelas.....	1
Whooping cough.....	1
Measles.....	1
Food poisoning.....	2

TUBERCULOSIS

Males.....	17
Females.....	10

NON-PULMONARY

Males.....	2
Females.....	1

SECTION D

STATISTICAL TABLE..... 1962

<u>Cause of Death</u>		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory.....	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other.....	-	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease.....	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria.....	-	-	-
5.	Whooping cough.....	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections.....	-	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-
8.	Measles.....	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases.....	-	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	1	2	3
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.....	6	-	6
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast.....	-	4	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus.....	-	1	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.....	5	2	7
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia.....	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes.....	-	1	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	5	10	15
18.	Coronary disease, angina.....	11	5	16
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.....	2	-	2
20.	Other heart disease.....	12	13	25
21.	Other circulatory disease.....	1	4	5
22.	Influenza.....	-	-	-
23.	Pneumonia.....	2	3	5
24.	Bronchitis.....	3	-	3
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system.....	2	1	3
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.....	1	-	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.....	-	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis.....	-	1	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.....	-	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.....	-	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations.....	2	1	3
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	2	3	5
33.	Motor vehicle accidents.....	1	-	1
34.	All other accidents.....	2	-	2
35.	Suicide.....	-	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war.....	-	-	-
<u>TOTALS.....</u>		58	51	109

ADMINISTRATION

The practicability of the combined post of Public Health Inspector and Surveyor depends upon the equal division of duties between the two functions, and very often the surveyor's work tends to take precedence. This has gradually become the case in your district, the largest single causative factor being the increase in the surveyor's building bye-law work, the yearly visits in the period 1950 to 1960 being as follows:-

1950.	1951.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.	1962.
473	478	339	561	745	985	572	652	706	309	815	926	1150

In the year 1961 the ratio of time devoted to Surveying and Public Health Inspection was estimated to be as 56 is to 44. This is not a serious discrepancy but it is to be hoped that it does not increase. The problem exemplifies what has been expressed before, that there being no room for manouvre in a short staffed department, extra work on one side must inevitably result in less work on the other side.

FILTHY AND VERMINOUS PREMISES.

A further infestation of fleas occurred in the same group of farm buildings as reported upon last year. A formal notice under the Public Health Act was served, and the farmer sought advice from the Ministry of Agriculture before taking effective action.

Seven premises were infested with cockroaches, seven with flies, four with wild bees, four with wasps and one with ants. 143 visits were made and forty-three treatments carried out.

No action was necessary in connection with filthy or verminous persons. The school health service continues to provide a supervisory function in connection with head infestations thereby keeping this problem at a very low level.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

My 1961 Report described lengthy efforts to bring a village shop up to a reasonable standard, culminating in a Council decision to take Court procedure in November, 1961. During 1962 the premises changed hands and the new owner submitted plans. By the end of the year, work was nearly completed.

Cockroach infestations were present in two bakeries; warmth, humidity and food, particularly sugar, being very great attractions to these dirty and repulsive insects, which breed rapidly in these circumstances. They are more of an aesthetic menace than they appear to the eye since their activities are clandestine, and given sufficient nooks and crannies vanish very quickly when illumination, either natural or artificial, is provided. They are omnivorous, consuming virtually everything from beer to skittles, including themselves. Their excreta is left everywhere and they taint and spoil food. The possibilities of contamination of bulk food are great where even a small infestation is present, though most contamination will escape notice. The/

largest single factor in discouraging them, and one to which there can be no possible intrinsic objection on the grounds of adding further tainting substances, is to abolish cracks, crevices and crannies, and this demands a determined onslaught on an old building. Effective insecticides exist to back up such fundamental measures.

The trend is for small village bakeries to be unable to find skilled bakers or to compete economically with the large modern bakery distributing to a large area, and this has recently been revealed within the district by the closure of one of the above mentioned small bakeries.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The overall situation is a very good one.

Comprehensive information has been given in previous reports and the following details bring the situation up to date to the end of 1962.

The figures in tabulated form are approximate, being based on previous years figures and records of known changes during 1962.

Mains supply standpipes in three villages were replaced by internal supplies and a number of houses supplied by wells were connected to the mains. The population served by standpipes was reduced to 129, occupying 63 houses in 13 parishes. About 214 persons received supplies within their houses from private water sources other than shallow wells, no public mains being available. Only about 106 persons, in 46 houses, now derive their water from wells. A detailed survey of water supplies in one village revealed that houses previously thought to receive a mains supply were in fact still using doubtful supplies and effort was directed towards installing mains supplies to these premises, without success in 1962.

A mains supply to West End, Spetisbury, was installed and prompt advantage of it was taken.

The bore at Bryanston, which was sunk through the bottom of an original shallow well, gave rise to difficulties owing to its obvious pollution after heavy rainfall. The pollution seems likely to originate in an adjacent open sewer from village and large school, and owing to the somewhat old fashioned engineering of reservoir and pumping main the only way in which safe water can be assured is by fairly heavily chlorinating the water at source. This occasionally gives rise to complaints of taste and smell but is much preferable to the alternative, which would be an unwholesome water supply. It is understood that plans are afoot to abandon this supply altogether in the fairly near future.

Two fairly large farm supplies in the Tarrant Valley have been unsatisfactory for some years.

The possibility of misunderstanding over the grading of water supplies was recognised during the year when it was found that the Ministry of Agriculture farm supply gradings are not comparable to the Ministry of Health gradings, the one being applied to ordinary farm supplies, the other to supplies for human consumption.

Samples submitted for Bacteriological examination. Distributed Water.

	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>
Water Board Supplies.....	27	-	27
Private Supplies.....	17	24	41
Wells.....	3	13	16
<u>Total.....</u>	47	37	84

Two samples of the mains supply water were submitted to the public analyst and the results were satisfactory.

Nature has unfortunately not favoured the area with water already containing fluoride and the addition of 1 p.p.m of fluoride is the only further step required to make the mains supply top quality, bearing in mind the remarkable advantage to dental health which would accrue from such a step.

STATEMENT OF WATER SUPPLIES IN THE DISTRICT AS ON
31st DECEMBER, 1962.

PARISH	Total Number of		HOUSES ON MAINS SUPPLY			
	Houses	Popula- tion	By Standpipe		Inside	
	-----	-----	Houses	Popula- tion	Houses	Popula- tion
Anderson	23	76	-	-	23	76
Blandford						
St. Mary	144	390	-	-	140	382
Bryanston	118	928 with	-	-	118	928 with
		School				School
Charlton						
Marshall	239	811 "	-	-	209	743 "
Chettle	37	109	-	-	37	109
Durweston	106	450 "	6	12	94	427 "
Farnham	65	205	-	-	65	205
Hilton	137	434	4	4	109	369
Iwerne						
Courtney	133	362	4	8	129	354
Langton Long	81	366	-	-	81	366
Milborne St.						
Andrew	210	612	2	2	207	608
Milton Abbas	190	790 with	8	20	182	770 with
		School				School
Pimperne	394	1204	1	1	390	1192
Spetisbury	148	477	7	13	129	734
Stepleton						
Iwerne	12	28	-	-	12	28
Stourpaine	162	400	14	17	124	329
Tarrant						
Crawford	11	35	-	-	11	35
Tarrant						
Gunville	92	272	-	-	87	260
Tarrant Hinton	59	185	-	-	59	185
Tarrant						
Keyneston	68	213	-	-	65	200
Tarrant						
Launceston	25	249	-	-	25	249 including
Tarrant Monkton	39	614	-	-	39	614 camp
Tarrant Rawston	18	56	-	-	18	56 "
Tarrant Rushton	37	129	-	-	30	112
Turnworth	25	65	-	-	25	65
Winterborne						
Clenston	22	68	3	8	19	60
Winterborne						
Houghton	51	140	2	6	49	134
Winterborne						
Kingston	128	380	-	-	125	378
Winterborne						
Stickland	156	500	2	5	152	491
Winterborne						
Whitechurch	136	493 (incl. 35	9	15	120	455 incl. 35
		caravans)				caravans
Winterborne						
Zelston	36	108	1	1	34	106

STATEMENT OF WATER SUPPLIES IN THE DISTRICT AS ON
31st DECEMBER, 1962 (continued)

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>Total No. of</u>		<u>HOUSES ON PRIVATE SUPPLIES</u>				<u>HOUSES ON</u>	
	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Popu- lation</u>	<u>By Standpipe</u>	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Popu- lation</u>	<u>WELLS</u>	<u>Popu- lation</u>
			<u>Houses</u>	<u>Popu- lation</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Popu- lation</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Popu- lation</u>
Anderson	23	76	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blandford	144	390	2	4	-	-	2	4
St. Mary	118	928 with	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bryanston		School	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charlton Marshall	239	811 "	-	-	20	43	10	25
Chettle	37	109	-	-	-	-	-	-
Durweston	106	450 "	-	-	4	10	2	1
Farnham	65	205	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hilton	137	434	2	6	15	43	7	12
Iwerne Courtney	133	362	-	-	-	-	-	-
Langton Long	81	366	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milborne St.	210	612	-	-	-	-	1	2
Andrew	190	790 with	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milton Abbas		School	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pimperne	394	1204	-	-	3	11	-	-
Spetisbury	148	477	-	-	12	30	(12)	(30)
Stepleton Iwerne	12	28	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stourpaine	162	400	-	-	11	37	4	17
Tarrant Crawford	11	35	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tarrant Gunville	92	272	-	-	4	10	1	2
Tarrant Hinton	59	185	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tarrant Keyneston	68	213	-	-	3	13	-	-
Tarrant Launceston	25	249	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tarrant Monkton	39	614	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tarrant Rawston	18	56	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tarrant Rushton	37	129	-	-	6	14	1	3
Turnworth	25	65	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winterborne								
Clenston	22	68	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winterborne								
Houghton	51	140	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winterborne								
Kingsston	128	380	-	-	-	-	3	2
Winterborne								
Stickland	156	500	-	-	2	4	-	-
Winterborne	136	493 inc.	-	-	6	22	1	1
Whitechurch		35 cara- vans	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winterborne								
Zelston	36	108	-	-	-	-	1	1

SEWERAGE

Milborne and Milton Abbas Joint.

At the end of the year only one unoccupied house remained to be connected to the sewer and the Owner understands that it will need to be connected before it is again used for human habitation. Others not connected are subject to Demolition or Closing Orders.

Pimperne.

During the year six more old properties were connected to the sewer, leaving seven other to be connected but four of these may be the subject of Closing Orders.

Following alterations to the electrical circuits at the pump-house, the only breakdowns now recorded have been due to the failure of the mains supply. As the pumps do not automatically come into operation again until manually reset, this has resulted in sewage overflowing into the bed of the stream where it runs through a private garden. There does not seem to be any way of avoiding this except by a daily visit by the Maintenance Staff.

Shroton

The Shroton works were put into operation during the year, and all existing septic tanks and cesspools were abolished and the drainage connected to the sewer before the end of the year.

Substantial progress was also made by private individuals with the installation of drainage in properties previously without such facilities. The Council ruled that all existing properties, except those of the local Estate, should be connected to the sewer within twelve months. This period was extended to two years in the case of the Estate.

A second Sewage Works Attendant was engaged to help with the maintenance of this and other plants.

Pimperne (Salisbury Road)

A substantial amount of work has been done on the lower part of the Salisbury Road area, the sewers having been laid, connected to the Borough Main sewer and all septic tanks and cesspools abolished. When completed the greatest source of possible pollution to the Black Lane water supply will have been removed.

A large private estate has also been sewered ready for a new building programme.

Blandford St. Mary

The sewerage scheme at Blandford St. Mary continues to function satisfactorily. A small extension was made during the year to enable an extension of the Housing Estate to be made.

Langton Long, Blandford.

An extension has been made to the Blandford Borough sewer in this parish and has enabled a substantial number of privately built new houses to enjoy the freedom of main sewerage. Some of the older of these dwellings had to be sewered to septic tanks due to adverse sewer levels. Re-laying of the old sewer to lower levels will eventually be needed here.

Generally

The Council's plans for sewerage Stourpaine and Durweston as a joint scheme are now well under way. This part of the district is in urgent need of a main drainage system partly because of the unsatisfactory state of the old village stormwater drains, now receiving foul drainage with no treatment at the outlets except for the separation of grit.

Main drainage is now needed at Charlton Marshall where several large estates have been built using septic tanks and underground land filtration of effluent. Many of the old properties here and in adjoining Spetisbury have been converted to similar systems.

With Salisbury Road area and Pimperne Village virtually completed, attention should be given to the collection of houses on both sides of the main road at Letton. These two groups of properties, about thirty separate dwellings, constitute a possible source of pollution to the supply of water at the Black Lane Pumping station of the Poole and East Dorset Water Board. If this source is to be further exploited, as is now understood, sewerage to these properties should be given priority as protection of that supply.

HOUSING

New houses completed during the year:-

- (1) By Local Authority
 - (a) With State Assistance for rehousing..... 79
 - (b) With State Assistance for other purposes..... 7
 - (c) Without State Assistance..... Nil
- (2) By other persons:-
 - (a) With State Assistance..... 1
 - (b) Without State Assistance..... 49

New houses commenced during the year but not completed:-

- (1) By Local Authority..... 8
- (2) By other persons..... 28

Housing Inspections:-

- (1) Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects..... 86
- (2) Total number of houses found to be so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation..... 20
- (3) Number of houses found not to be in all respects fit for habitation..... 40

Housing Action:-

- (1) Number of dwellings rendered fit after informal action..... 9
- (2) Number of Statutory Notices served..... 10
- (3) Number of Statutory Notices complied with..... 7
- (4) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders made..... 8
- (5) Number of houses in respect of which Undertakings were accepted..... 14
- (6) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders..... 10

Houses Demolished.

Two cottages, Valley Road, Tarrant Keyneston (for redevelopment)
 One cottage next to True Lovers Knot, T. Keyneston.
 Rose Cottage, Stickland Hill, Blandford St. Mary (for road improvement)
 Kozy Kott, Winterborne Kingston.
 Stour View, Blandford St. Mary
 Three Cottages, Main Road, Anderson
 Two cottages, North Street, Winterborne Kingston
 Two cottages, Lower Blandford St. Mary

Demolition Orders made but not complied with:-

Nos. 52-53 Pimperne (later cancelled following complete modernisation)
 Nos. 1 - 4 Buggs Row, Blandford St. Mary

In addition there are twenty three houses on which Demolition Orders have been made but some are awaiting vacation by occupiers. They are:-

Two cottages, Long Close, Milton Abbas	(one occupied)
Cottage, Blandford Hill, Winterborne Whitechurch.	Occupied.
Austins Cottage, Winterborne Zelston.	Occupied.
Two cottages, Thornicombe.	Void
Cottage, Church Hill, Milborne.	Occupied.
18, Havelins, Stourpaine.	Void
20, Havelins, Stourpaine.	Void
22 Havelins, Stourpaine.	Void
3 South Holm, Stourpaine.	
7 South Holm, Stourpaine	
9, South Holm, Stourpaine	
17 South holm, Stourpaine.	
16,17,18 Spetisbury	One occupied
15 Gravel Lane, Charlton Marshall.	Occupied.
Nos. 17 - 19 Little England, Milborne.	One occupied.
Cottage next to Post Office, Winterborne Houghton.	Occupied.
Cottage, Little England, Milborne, occupied by Mr. Biles.	

Ten further houses at Stourpaine are in process of being acquired by the Dorset County Council for road widening purposes, but no Demolition Orders have been made.

Undertakings accepted:-

No. 41, Pimperne.	Reconditioned and Undertaking cancelled.
Cottage, next to Chapel, Winterborne Kingston.	Work in hand.
No. 2 Ben Marie, Milborne.	Nothing done.
Chine Cottage, Tarrant Gunville.	Plans submitted.
Reads Cottage, Blandford St. Mary.	Work in hand.
12-14 South Holm, Stourpaine.	Nothing done
41 Manor Road, Stourpaine.	Nothing done.
No. 20 Shroton.	Reconditioned and Undertaking cancelled.
Church Farm Cottage, Shroton.	Nothing done
Three Cottages, Middle Farm, Blandford St. Mary.	Now farm buildings.
The Cabin, Charlton Marshall.	New store.

HOUSING - Contd.Statutory Notices served:-

The Pound, Winterborne Houghton.	Work done.
Dairy Cottage, Blandford St. Mary.	Work not done.
No. 4 Brewery Cottages, Blandford St. Mary.	Work done
Brookside, Milborne.	Work done
Mayflower Cottage, Milborne.	Work done
Cottage next to Royal Oak, Milborne.	Work done
The Stores, Aller.	Work not done.
1 and 2 School Lane, Blandford St. Mary.	Work done.
3 School Lane, Blandford St. Mary.	in abeyance.

Preliminary Notices Served:-

No. 19, Milton Abbas.	Work done
Two cottages, Bere Road, Winterborne Kingston.	Work done
Cottages, West Down, Winterborne Kingston.	Nothing done
Cottage, The Square, Milborne.	Work done
Holmlea, Winterborne Clenston.	
Upton, Higher Ansty.	
3-6 The Corner, Shroton	
19, Church Row, Hilton.	
Mr. Gillingham, High Street, Charlton Marshall.	Work done
No. 8 Thornicombe.	Work done
Two cottages, Winterborne Whitechurch.	Work done
Four cottages, Milton Mills, Milton Abbas.	Work done
The Grove, Milborne.	Work done
Owls Lodge, Thornicombe.	Work done
No. 5 School Lane, Blandford St. Mary.	Work done
No. 46, Pimperne.	Nothing done.
Nos. 4 - 5 Priory Terrace, Pimperne.	May be closed.
Cottage, Priors Lane, Pimperne.	Nothing done.
No. 2 Wellow cottages, Pimperne.	Owner/Occupier in hospital
Two cottages, Berkoley Farm, Pimperne.	May be demolished.
Nos. 10-11 Pimperne.	Plans approved.
Nos. 2 - 3 The Gardens, Shroton.	
No. 1 The Corner, Shroton.	Grant application made.
Cottage, Bessells, Shroton.	Nothing done
Three cottages, Telegraph Street, Shroton.	Nothing done
Nine Estate Cottages, Shroton.	Some work in hand.

OVERCROWDING

No cases of overcrowding were found during the year.

OLD PERSONS' HOUSING

Very substantial provision has now been made for elderly persons' accommodation, there being a total of 67 dwellings designed and built for this purpose and with a warden service. They are enumerated as follows:-

Hopsfield, Milborne St. Andrew.

This was the first scheme and comprises thirteen independent bungalows with a fulltime warden. A guest room is provided and there is provision for meals by arrangement with the warden.

OLD PERSONS' HOUSING. - Contd.

Broadclose, Winterborne Kingston

Eleven bungalows and a part-time warden.

Pigeon Close, Blandford St. Mary

Twelve bungalows and a part-time warden.

Portman Road, Pimperne.

Eight bungalows and a part-time warden.

Hod View, Stourpaine.

Eight bungalows with a part-time warden.

Stourpaine Lodge, Stourpaine.

A large house converted into six flats, one of which is occupied by a part-time warden.

General Wolfe Close, Shroton

Nine bungalows and a part-time warden.

All the above dwellings are provided with the amenities for old persons, which attract the County Council grant. There are telephones in the wardens' dwellings. Each bungalow has a small garden with access by a French casement from a living room with a southern aspect. Greens and verges are maintained by the Council, also hedges where tenants are physically unable to trim them.

The accommodation in these very desirable little dwellings consists of a good double bedroom with a living room slightly smaller, and a kitchenette large enough to take a small table for meals, also a sink, drainer, work top, dresser, and an airing cupboard, which serves an ancillary purpose of helping to provide background heat which is so vitally important for old people. There is a bathroom with W.C. and basin, a fuel store, a small general store, and a small cupboard in the hall.

These dwellings enable old people to retain their cherished independence in delightful surroundings in conditions of ease and comfort, and valuable as they are to-day there seems no doubt that their value will increase as time passes and the number of old people rises.

The Council have also provided bungalows on other sites of mixed development which can be occupied by elderly people but without a warden's service.

GRANTS.

Discretionary grants decreased by one from last year, the average grant being £316.

There were forty-two Standard Grant applications compared with twenty-six the previous year. The average amount of grant increased from £148 to £154.

GRANTS - Contd.

The majority of all grant applications were in respect of owner occupied properties.

Discretionary Grants.

Applications received.....	18
Applications approved.....	17 (1 withdrawn)
Amount allocated.....	£5,685
Number of houses.....	18

Standard grants.

Applications received.....	42
Applications approved.....	40 (2 withdrawn)
Amount allocated.....	£5,865
Number of houses.....	40

CARAVANS

The two multiple sites are now being operated in accordance with the Caravan Site and Control of Development Act, 1960.

The Ashley Wood site was operating in accordance with planning permission and site licence.

The Winterborne Whitechurch site was not increased in permanent standings pending completion of site works in accordance with planning and site licence conditions.

There were fourteen single site licences held in the district and the sites were maintained in reasonable conditions.

NUISANCES

New sources of complaint investigated were less than the previous year.

Large scale pig-keeping again gave rise to complaints of an informal nature.

Formal notices were served only in connection with housing and a list appears under this heading, together with the result.

Numerous informal notices served under this heading have also been set out above.

Complaints were made under the following heads:-

Housing.....	6
Drainage.....	8
Infestations.....	3
Keeping of animals..	3
Smells	9
Unauthorised tipping.	2
Water.....	1
Miscellaneous.....	4

THE LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1961

It is gratifying to report that no serious flooding occurred in the district during the year; the springs were late in appearing and anti-flooding works carried out by the Roads and Bridges Department of the County Council along the roadside streams, together with work carried out by a few landowners did not in the event appear necessary.

Further work was carried out by the County Council, landowners, and this Council in the Autumn but up to the end of the year the springs again were conspicuous by their absence.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS.

There was a small outbreak of anthrax amongst cattle in Dorset and several cases were distinguished by a somewhat slower course than usual, animals being found ill rather than dead, which is not usual. This disarmed suspicion in some cases and lead to handling of the carcasses with consequent greater occupational risks than normal. Persons likely to have been exposed were advised.

Routine sampling of bulked raw milk by the County Public Health Department revealed the presence of brucella abortis organisms in one herd. Farm hands received this supply, before pasteurisation, at a cheap rate. The problem was solved by obtaining milk for the hands from another herd free from the infection. Another herd supplying raw milk to a large school was sampled, on request, by County Council staff and was found to be satisfactory.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

(1) Inspection for purpose of provisions as to health:-

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>No. of Written</u> <u>Notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers</u> <u>Prosecuted.</u>
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(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.

	36	9	-	-
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(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.

	25	25	-	-
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(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.

(Excluding outworkers' premises).

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	61	34	-	-
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(2) Cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars.

Number of cases in which defects
were found:-

<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	<u>Referred to</u> <u>H.M. Inspector.</u>	<u>by H.M.</u> <u>Inspector.</u>	<u>No. of cases</u> <u>in which</u> <u>prosecutions</u> <u>were instituted.</u>
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Want of cleanliness(s1)

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Overcrowding (2)

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Unreasonable temperature(S3)

	1	-	1	-
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Inadequate ventilation (S4)

	1	-	1	-
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	4	2	2	-
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REFUSE AND SALVAGE.

The old tip at Farnham was reinstated and returned to the farmer, and through the co-operation of the Rushmore Estate it was possible to start another tip in this area.

The tip on the other side of the district at Winterborne Kingston is rapidly nearing complete filling and an alternative will soon be necessary. Efforts were directed towards finding a central site where controlled tipping could be practised in conjunction with Blandford Borough Council, and a site at the Milldown satisfied technical requirements. In the absence of a suitable site such as this one it would appear probable that long distance conveyance of refuse might one day become necessary, perhaps to a County, or even larger area, tip.

RODENT CONTROL

There have been fewer major infestations of rats and mice, probably a sequel of prompt treatment by the rodent officer and prompt notification by the public. Reservoirs of infestation numbering up to 700 or 800 were met with only a few years ago but the largest recovery of bodies from a single area during 1962 was about eighty.

Natural selection may have operated on the normal species and individual variations in sensitivity to Warfarin, rendering this poison somewhat less effective in certain cases than formerly and the rodent officer has on occasion resorted to older and less discriminating poisoning methods to eradicate such colonies.

Those farmers who are still not under contract for destruction of pests would probably find themselves well satisfied with the results achieved by the private operator, who works in close liaison with the public health inspectors.

	<u>Council Premises.</u>	<u>Private Premises.</u>	<u>Business Premises.</u>	<u>Agricultural Premises.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Total number of visits made.	64	828	146	147	1185
Total number of premises					
(a) Inspected on complaint.	-	65	5	7	77
(b) Inspected on survey.	20	223	35	39	317
Total number of premises treated for rat and mice infestations.	2	135	5	10	152

SUMMARY OF VISITS - 1962

Nuisances.....	61
Housing Acts.....	635
Food Premises.....	97
Food poisoning.....	9
Building Byelaws.....	1150
Drainage.....	371
Water supplies.....	168
Water samples.....	84
Refuse.....	156
Infectious Diseases.....	13
Factories.....	9
Rats and Mice.....	9
Dangerous Buildings.....	4
Rights of Way.....	2
Rivers pollution and flooding.....	21
Sewerage samples.....	2
Sewerage.....	159
Petroleum.....	55
Infestations.....	15
Caravans.....	79
Keeping of animals.....	6
Town and Country Planning.....	93
Number of Meetings attended.....	100
Miscellaneous.....	49

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